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SUBJECT: GINZBURG TRIAL FURTHER DELAYS

REF: MOSCOW 12796(NOTAL)

1. A RELIABLE EMBASSY SOURCE CLOSE TO THE GINZBURG FAMILY TOLD US JUNE 10 THAT GINZBURG'S LAWYER IS CONVINCED THE TRIAL IN KALUGA WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE JUNE 19. OUR SOURCE DID NOT SAY WHETHER THE LAWYER'S STATEMENT WAS BASED ON LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS OR LESS TANGIBLE INDICATORS, BUT IN ANY CASE THE LAWYER IS CERTAIN THAT THE 19TH IS THE EARLIEST A GINZBURG TRIAL CAN BEGIN, ALTHOUGH DELAYS BEYOND THAT DATE ARE QUITE POSSIBLE.

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2. OUR SOURCE DID NOT KNOW WHAT, IF ANYTHING, THE AUTHORITIES HAVE DONE TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION TO THE JUNE 3 EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SUPREME SOVIET EXTENSION OF GINZBURG'S LEGAL CONFINEMENT. THE EXTENSION IS NOT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DISSIDENTS, BECAUSE THE AUTHORITIES CAN ALWAYS

OBTAIN IT RETROACTIVELY, AND IN ANY EVENT THERE IS
NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SUCH PROCEDURAL NICETIES.

3. MOST PEOPLE WE HAVE TALKED TO RECENTLY IN
THE DISSIDENT AND REFUSENIK COMMUNITY ARE
PUZZLED BY THE CONTINUING DELAY IN THE GINZBURG
ACCORDING TO A REFUSENIK SOURCE WHO SPOKE
TO HER, MRS. GINZBURG IS SPECULATING THAT HER
HUSBAND'S POOR HEALTH AS REPORTED BY THE LAWYER
(REFTEL) MAY BE THE CAUSE.

4. EMBASSY PLANS TO FILE A TRAVEL NOTE FOR TWO
EMBOFFS TO GO TO KALUGA JUNE 19-22. TOON

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